

membership had expanded to 54 and the church acquired additional property.

In the mid-1950s, the First United Methodist Church of Carrollton needed to relocate. With a generous donation from the Milburn Family Farm, First United Methodist Church secured five acres for future growth. Since 1967, First United Methodist Church has been pastored by Kenneth Carter, Dr. Paul Morell, and Rev. Jerry Simmons, and is currently under the spiritual leadership of Dr. Richard Dunagin. Throughout its history, First United Methodist has continued to place an emphasis on evangelism in the mission field by providing dental and medical care to those in need around the world. In 2001, as the church celebrated its centennial anniversary, land was provided for a new church and school. In 2004, a new worship center opened which was adorned with stained glass windows from the original sanctuary. Since 2004, the church has added a stadium and sports complex, meeting rooms, and a new sanctuary that can accommodate 1,500 people.

Over the past 110 years, First United Methodist Church of Carrollton has also started other successful ministries in the Carrollton community. For example, the Sonshine Preschool expanded into Carrollton Christian academy, which instructs students from preschool through 12th grade.

In celebrating its 110th anniversary, we recognize the positive impact that First United Methodist Church has had on the greater Carrollton area. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the rich history of First United Methodist Church of Carrollton.

MARINE AND HYDROKINETIC RENEWABLE ENERGY PROMOTION ACT OF 2011

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, I reintroduced the Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Promotion Act (H.R. 2994), a bipartisan bill that will improve the research and development program for marine renewable energy. Marine energy is an emerging technology that presents great opportunities. Developing the ability to harness energy from our ocean and tidal currents to power our homes and businesses will create U.S. jobs by building a new manufacturing industry and will improve our energy security. I would like to recognize the leadership of Senator LISA MURKOWSKI who has introduced a Senate companion, which she has successfully moved through the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Further, I appreciate the support of my House colleagues Representatives DON YOUNG and THEODORE DEUTCH in working with me on this bill.

In the Puget Sound area of Washington, research and demonstration on tidal energy are underway, requiring collaboration from the private sector, universities, research institutions and public utilities. However, national leadership is needed to truly realize the benefits of commercial-scale marine hydrokinetic projects in the United States. The U.S. Department of Energy established the Northwest National

Marine Renewable Energy Center, run by the University of Washington and Oregon State University, to develop tidal and wave research projects. They are working with the private sector to demonstrate new technologies. Additionally, the Department of Energy's Marine Sciences Laboratory on the Olympic Peninsula assesses waterpower resource potential to address and remove environmental roadblocks to deployment, testing to accelerate the integration of large-scale waterpower electricity generation into the Northwest power grid, and is essential to establishing a robust basis for industrial investment based on verifiable technology performance, assured cost basis, and environmental performance.

The Marine Renewable Energy Promotion Act will accelerate these efforts by establishing a competitive research, development and demonstration program at the Department of Energy that is specifically devoted to marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy. This office will help to develop new marine renewable energy technologies, increase reliability and durability of facilities, reduce manufacturing and operating costs of the devices, help identify and address environmental impacts of marine renewable energy and make sure that such power can be integrated into the national electricity grid. Additionally, the bill will ensure that the Department of Energy works with research institutions to set up marine and hydrokinetic energy test facilities in the United States, supporting efforts underway nationwide and at the University of Washington, which are critical in our efforts to demonstrate a wide range of technologies, and evaluate the technical viability of each new and emerging type of technology at different scales.

The Electric Power Research Institute has estimated that ocean resources in the United States could generate 252 million megawatt hours of electricity, which given as much support as other types of renewable energy, could be equivalent to 6.5 percent of America's entire electricity generation. With such great potential to spur American innovation and job creation, I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, one hundred years ago, a group of women from the First Baptist Church in Nashville, TN, decided to put action to their beliefs. Purchasing land in Brentwood, TN, in 1911, the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home moved from borrowed space in a local hotel to a permanent home. This move began a beautiful history of dedication and service to the least and most vulnerable among us.

Approximately 200 children a year are cared for, fed, clothed, and taught about the hope found in the Almighty. As children find themselves in houses of great crisis, thanks to the care and support of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, they soon find themselves in homes of great love. Need is the only qualification for children to find assistance and by accepting all children regardless of race,

creed, or socio-economic background, the TBCH lives fully the call of those who follow Christ.

I appreciate the great work done by the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home and all those who support its mission. From the couples who give their lives to parent other children to those whose prayers make this calling possible, all who offer their time, talents, and treasures to this great cause are helping to make the future brighter for Tennessee's children. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home and ask my colleagues to join with me in offering great thanks for the work done in protecting Tennessee's children.

TRANSPARENCY IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS ON THE NATION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2401) to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes:

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 2401. Instead of legislation that would train Americans to get back to full employment, the majority is bringing to the floor a bill that harms the health of our nation.

This bill would endanger the health of millions of our nation's children, seniors, and sick by blocking rules to reduce cross-state air pollution and to reduce the emissions of mercury, lead, dioxin, and other toxic chemicals from power plants. H.R. 2401 would also delay future safeguards by requiring studies that only measure pollution cleanup costs while disregarding health and other benefits.

Along with many of my colleagues, I recently sent letters to the Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, in support of the Power Plant Air Toxics Rule and the Cross-State Air Pollution Control Rule because of the positive impact these rules will have on the public health of our nation. Toxic air pollution from power plants remains a major unregulated source of mercury and lead in the air. Already, more than half of all coal-fired power plants use widely available pollution control technologies to meet these important standards. Once the rule is final, the remaining 44 percent will take similar steps to decrease dangerous pollutants, saving thousands of lives and avoiding tens of thousands of illnesses. It is clear that the benefits of the mercury and air toxics standards will far outweigh its costs—it is estimated that the pollution reductions required by the rule will yield health benefits of \$59 billion to \$140 billion per year (from lower health care costs and higher worker productivity), which is 5 to 13 times its costs.

Further, by delaying the Cross-State Air Pollution Control Rule this bill would allow highly polluting facilities located upwind to continue to pollute major metropolitan areas with impunity. Such sources of pollution have made it

unattainable for major metropolitan areas like New York City to be in compliance with federal standards for smog pollution even though most pollution is generated by large upwind sources. The Cross State Rule would make polluters control pollution at the source rather than continuing to shift the cost burden onto local governments and local taxpayers.

This bill requires an unnecessary, duplicative, and biased study of specified air quality and hazardous waste regulations without assessing the benefits of environmental and public health standards. Impeding these EPA rules jeopardizes the health and well-being of the American people. I encourage my colleagues to vote against this legislative train wreck.

IN HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, which is celebrated September 15th through October 15th, and I am proud to honor the contributions of the Latino community to the diverse landscape of American life and culture. I would like to take a moment to recognize a few individuals for their impact on the Hispanic community and its progress in our Nation. Through their accomplishments in media and the arts, Jose Antonio Burciaga, Rosa Guerrero, Luis Jimenez, and Ramon Renteria have given a part of themselves to enrich the Hispanic community. On September 30th, these individuals are being recognized at the annual El Paso Community College's Hispanic Heritage luncheon celebrating 100 years of Latino art & media.

To begin, I would like to honor the life and career of the late writer and artist Jose Antonio Burciaga, a native El Pasoan, for his exploration of the complex Chicano identity in American society. With the tools of language and art, he illuminated and articulated issues of identity, discrimination, and alienation facing the Chicano community.

I would also like to recognize artist and educator Rosa Guerrero. Through her projects such as the International Folklore Dance Group and her film, "Tapestry," Rosa Guerrero has made it her life's mission to promote cultural diversity and understanding, beginning with some of the first intercultural programs in El Paso schools in the 1970s.

I would also like to remember the life of artist Luis Jimenez, whose powerful sculptures are on display nationwide in public spaces and museums, including the "Vaquero" at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. His creations, such as "Blue Mustang", which often depict the working man, are marked by vivid and fluorescent colors. They are purposefully striking yet accessible, often provoking strong reactions.

And finally, I would like to recognize journalist and columnist Ramon Renteria for his decades of bold, quality reporting on a wide range of cultural and social issues. His past honors include the Guillermo Martinez-Marquez national award for Latin American reporting and a Texas Headliner Award for his

feature story, "Separate and Unequal: The Story of Kelli, Veronica and School Finance," as well as the Ruben Salazar Award from Café Mayapan. As a veteran journalist, Ramon Renteria has brought unique insight and experience to important topics in education, politics, and border issues in our community.

I want to personally congratulate our honorees for their exceptional achievements and contributions to our community, Hispanic culture, and the rich tapestry of American life. They have left their mark on the Hispanic experience in America through the sharing of their cultural perspective and achievements in their respective fields. As the Hispanic community continues to grow in America, it is important to celebrate our roots as we grow in our journey as a part of this great Nation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RILYA

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, you would have been fifteen. Today, you would have been a freshman in high school. Today, you would have been the fine young woman you were meant to be.

You are not forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, Rilya Wilson was a foster child of the Florida Department of Children and Families. She went missing on January 18, 2001, and was not reported missing until two years later. The resulting investigation culminated in the resignation of the DCF chief and the passage of a new law I championed in the Florida House of Representatives—a law improving the supervision of foster children and requiring the tracking of efforts to find missing children.

It was later shown that GERALYN GRAHAM, her caretaker, engaged in identity and Medicaid fraud by accepting payments during Rilya's disappearance. Today, GERALYN is in jail, and believed by many to have murdered our beautiful Rilya. Unfortunately, circumstantial evidence is the only evidence available to prosecutors, and I fear that GERALYN GRAHAM will walk free.

This must not happen. The laws governing the reporting of missing children simply are not strong enough. Failing to report a child you know is missing should always be a crime of the most serious kind.

Once more—Rilya, you are not forgotten. I will never sleep, I will never slumber, and I will never rest until we find you—until those responsible for your disappearance are brought to justice.

Many nights I dream that I will one day get to meet you. Every night I dream that you have grown into the fine young lady you were meant to be. Every night I dream that I will see you reunited with your loving sister, Rodericka.

I pray that it will be so.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PHILANTHROPIST JACKIE LEE HOUSTON

HON. MARY BONO MACK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 23, 2011

Mrs. BONO MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable lady and dear friend, Mrs. Jackie Lee Houston, a pillar of our community in California's Coachella Valley, and an inspiration to countless admirers and friends.

Today, our community will come together to celebrate Jackie Lee's life, a life of purpose and accomplishment that truly made our world a better place. I am deeply saddened that the Congressional schedule prevents me from joining in this celebration and I know that the memories of Jackie Lee will bring joy to all those attending; a fitting tribute to this gracious hostess who insisted that any event in which she was involved was done with grace and class—and a large measure of fun!

Born Jackie Lee McDonald on June 27, 1935, Jackie Lee grew up in Seattle, Washington, and went on to attend the University of Washington. It was there that she met her husband, Jim, with whom she would spend the rest of her life. Their love story is a classic romance, from their hard-working early days when a holiday was defined by how much gas they could afford for a weekend get away to the pre-eminent role they shared as leading desert philanthropists, they were simply inseparable.

Jackie Lee and Jim were blessed with three children, Tamara, Jaimi and Jim, and their family bond was unbreakable.

For a time, the Houstons made a life in British Columbia, visiting the Coachella Valley regularly in the 1960s. Although the Houstons maintained an active presence in the Coachella Valley for decades, they didn't move permanently to the Desert until 2001. Once there, they quickly made their commitment to their new home clear by purchasing a local television affiliate and establishing KPSP Channel 2 as a major media presence in our community. It is perhaps the most inspiring testament to her character and strength of will that Jackie Lee made such an enormous impact on her adopted home town in such a short period of time. Proud to be one of the few women in the country who owned a television station, Jackie Lee used her influence at the station to provide additional exposure to causes she deemed worthwhile—regardless of whether she was directly involved in them.

One cannot begin to estimate the number of lives that were touched and made better by the tens of millions of dollars Jackie Lee raised for and donated to worthwhile charities and causes over the years, saying once: "Giving is just a feeling of wanting to be proud of what you do." I will always be especially grateful for her work on the Palm Springs International Film Festival, and consider myself truly honored to have called her a dear friend.

Jackie Lee had the ability to take your breath away with a flair and creativity that set her parties and events apart from all the rest—and for that reason people flocked to the